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**A RETRACTOR FOR OPERATIONS ON THE ARTERIA HAEMORROIDALIS**

the specification of which (check only one item below)

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